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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Robert Burgermeister et al.
Serial No. : 09/899,147
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Title : STENT WITH OPTIMAL STRENGTH AND RADIOCAPACITY CHARACTERISTICS

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Examiner : J. Baxter

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 25 as follows:

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1. A stent in the form of a thin-walled, multi-cellular, tubular structure having a longitudinal axis, the stent comprising a multiplicity of circumferential sets of strut members, each set of strut members being longitudinally separated each from the other, each set of strut members being connected to adjacent sets of strut members by longitudinal connecting links and each set of strut members forming a closed, ring-like cylindrical portion of the stent, each set of strut members consisting of a multiplicity of connected curved sections and diagonal sections, each curved section having two ends